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Title: "Weldring with Locking Arrangement for Valve Assembly"



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#### AMENDMENT

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	76	77	0	X \$50 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims	8	8	0	x \$200 =	\$ .00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)					\$ .00
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of _____,					
<b>PETITION</b> is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$120; 2 months \$450; 3 months \$1020; 4 months \$1590, 5 months \$2,160)					\$ .00
If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$110.00)					\$ .00
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If "small entity" verified statement filed <input type="checkbox"/> previously, <input type="checkbox"/> herewith, enter one-half (1/2) of subtotal and <u>subtract</u>					\$ .00
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2005, please amend the application  
as set forth below and kindly consider the remarks that follow.